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PATENT

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In re application of: Alexander et al.

Application No.: 09/882,363

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Customer No.: 02101

For: Assessing the Condition of a Joint and Preventing Damage

Group No.: 3736

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted prior to payment of issue fee.

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is a response.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\*

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395.00 OP  
300.00 OP  
150.00 OP

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of small entity (and status is still as small entity).

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 395.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

|   | (Col.1)                                   | (Col. 2)                              | (Col. 3)         | SMALL ENTITY        |               |        |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|
|   | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE                | ADDIT.<br>FEE |        |
| TOTAL                                     | 39  | – 33                                  | = 6              | x \$ 25.00          | = \$          | 150.00 |
| INDEP.                                    | 7   | – 4                                   | = 3              | x \$ 100.00         | = \$          | 300.00 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |   |                                       |                  | + \$ 180.00         | = \$          | 0.00   |
|   |   |                                       |                  | TOTAL<br>ADDIT. FEE | \$            | 450.00 |

Total additional fee required is \$450.00

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for three months:

Fee: \$510.00

### **TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due are:

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| Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))        | \$395.00 |
| Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) | \$450.00 |
| Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))     | \$510.00 |

Total Fee(s) Due: \$1,355.00

### **PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

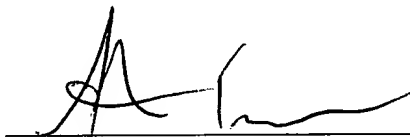
Check is attached for the sum of \$1,355.00.

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### **INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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